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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YASUHIRO HINO) : Examiner: Rachna Singh
Application No.: 09/950,020) : Art Unit: 2176
Filed: September 12, 2001) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
SERVER APPARATUS, IMAGE)
PROCESSING METHOD AND)
MEMORY MEDIUM : September 15, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the Remarks are at page 20.